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In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
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Application No.: 10/582,914) Examiner: PHILLIP A. GRAY
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For: CATHETER ASSEMBLY)

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 21, 2011, having a three-month shortened statutory response period in which this Amendment is being timely filed, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.